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**BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

In the Matter of the Application  
regarding the Conversion and  
Acquisition of Premera Blue Cross and  
its Affiliates

NO. G02-45

THIRTEENTH ORDER: SETTING  
REVISED CASE SCHEDULE

14 On September 12, 2003, a Stipulation and Order was entered in Thurston County  
15 Superior Court in the case of *Premera and Premera Blue Cross v. Kreidler, Insurance*  
16 *Commissioner*, No. 03-2-00112-8. The superior court case arose from Premera's challenge to  
17 the Case Management Order issued in this matter regarding the timeframe in which a decision  
18 would be rendered regarding Premera's proposal to convert to a for-profit insurer. The  
19 Stipulation and Order sets March 15, 2004, as the date for a decision. As a result, the current  
20 case schedule established in the Eleventh Order must be revised. The Revised Schedule is  
21 based on the August 26, 2003, Trigger Date established in the Twelfth Order. After reviewing  
22 the current case schedule and consulting with the Special Master who had originally  
23 recommended the schedule, I have determined that the Revised Schedule is as follows:

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1. Deadline for OIC Staff to submit  
Draft Consultant Reports &  
Executive Summaries

October 3, 2003

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| 1  | 2. Deadline for Premera to                                    | October 15, 2003    |
| 2  | (a) recommend redactions of confidential information          |                     |
| 3  | contained in the Draft Consultant Reports                     |                     |
| 4  | prior to public release;                                      |                     |
| 5  | (b) suggest amendments to the Draft Consultant Reports        |                     |
| 6  | to address factual errors; and                                |                     |
| 7  | (c) amend Premera's Form A Application                        |                     |
| 8  | 3. Deadline for OIC Staff to submit Final Consultant Reports  | October 27, 2003    |
| 9  | 4. Deadline for Premera and Interveners                       | November 10, 2003   |
| 10 | to submit Final Expert Reports                                |                     |
| 11 | 5. Deadline for final disclosure of Fact Witnesses            | November 17, 2003   |
| 12 | 6. Deadline for Depositions of OIC Consultants                | December 5, 2003    |
| 13 | 7. Deadline for depositions of Premera and Intervener Experts | December 5, 2003    |
| 14 | 8. Final Discovery Cut-Off                                    | December 5, 2003    |
| 15 | 9. Deadline for OIC Staff, Premera and Interveners            | December 19, 2003   |
| 16 | to submit Pre-Filed Direct Testimony                          |                     |
| 17 | 10. Deadline for Pre-Filed Responsive Testimony               | January 5, 2004     |
| 18 | (responsive to pre-filed direct testimony)                    |                     |
| 19 | 11. Hearing Dates   | January 15-28, 2004 |
| 20 | 12. Deadline for Post-Hearing Submissions                     | February 9, 2004    |
| 21 | 13. Commissioner's Decision                                   | March 15, 2004      |

**IT IS SO ORDERED**, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003.

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MIKE KREIDLER  
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER